

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING and EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

As part of its International Program, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) supports international scientific research – especially collaborative efforts with U.S. scientists and research training – directly and through cooperative agreements with other National Institutes of Health (NIH) components.

NIDA International Fellowships and Research Exchange Programs

NIDA International Program fellowships provide unparalleled research training, while exchange programs support direct collaboration by NIDA grantees and their colleagues from other countries. Researchers who participate in NIDA international research training and exchange programs benefit from their colleagues' differing perspectives and research approaches to successfully conduct collaborative research nationally, regionally, and globally.

Fellowships

- INVEST Research Fellowships are competitive, 12-month postdoctoral appointments to U.S. institutions for scientists from other countries. Fellows conduct research, attend NIDA orientations, and participate in scientific meetings. Fellows and their mentors jointly develop a collaborative research proposal for possible funding and implementation in the Fellows' home countries. The fellowship is fully funded by NIDA. <http://www.international.drugabuse.gov/invest.html>
- NIDA Hubert H. Humphrey Drug Abuse Research Fellowships are competitive, 10-month fellowships for midcareer professionals from low- and middle-income countries*. Fellows enroll at Johns Hopkins University, complete a research affiliation with a NIDA grantee, participate in scientific meetings, and attend NIDA orientations. <http://www.international.drugabuse.gov/hhhdarf.html>

*Low- and middle-income countries in the following regions: Africa, Asia (except Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan), Central and Eastern Europe (Hungary, Poland, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Turkey, and the countries of the former Yugoslavia), the Middle East, Russia and the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Pacific Ocean Islands (except Australia and New Zealand).

Research Exchange

- NIDA Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Awards (DISCA) and NIDA U.S. Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Awards (USDISCA) are result- and product-oriented awards that allow accomplished drug abuse scientists to work side by side on innovative collaborative research projects. Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible for the USDISCA award, while the DISCA award is limited to applicants from any other country. The competitive awards support 1- to 3-month professional visits. <http://www.international.drugabuse.gov/disca.html>

Research Grants for International Collaborations

NIDA supports research on the biomedical and behavioral causes, consequences, prevention, and treatment of drug abuse and addiction. International research is funded through three mechanisms:

- Foreign grants allow researchers from outside the United States to compete for funding within the NIH system. The actual research is conducted outside the United States. For a grant to be awarded to a foreign institution, the principal investigator must demonstrate a special opportunity to further drug abuse research through the use of expertise, resources, populations, or environmental conditions not readily available in the United States.
- Domestic grants with a foreign component enable U.S.-based principal investigators to conduct cooperative international studies with foreign partners. The foreign component is part of the original grant; the entire application is scored competitively.
- Administrative supplements to existing grants can be proposed by NIDA grantees collaborating with foreign partners. The added component may receive a maximum of \$100,000 per year or 25 percent of the direct costs of the grant and must be within the scope of the original grant. The supplement proposal is not scored competitively through NIH, but NIDA approval is required.

Other Funding Opportunities for International Training or Research

The Fogarty International Center administers other NIH programs that support professional development opportunities or collaborative international research. The Fogarty Center Web site (www.fic.nih.gov) also lists other NIH opportunities and provides links to non-NIH information sources. NIDA currently participates in a number of Fogarty programs:

Training Grants

- AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP) awards support biomedical and behavioral research training in developing and transitional countries on HIV/AIDS and related TB, and research on prevention of HIV infection among drug-using populations.
- International Clinical, Operational, and Health Services Research and Training Awards (ICOHRTA) support institutional training programs for collaborative, multidisciplinary, international research in developing and transitional countries. ICOHRTA-AIDS/TB awards support training to foster collaborative, multidisciplinary research in developing and transitional countries where AIDS, TB or both are significant problems.
- International Collaborative Genetics Research Training Program provides research training and capacity building in developing and transitional countries with an existing institutional infrastructure available to sustain advances in genetic science.

Research Grants

- Global Health Research Initiative Program for New Foreign Investigators (GRIP) supports the return of NIH-trained foreign investigators to their home countries as part of a broader program to enhance the scientific research infrastructure in developing countries and to stimulate research of high priority global health-related issues.
- Brain Disorders in the Developing World provides institutional planning grants to develop international collaborative research on brain disorders in developing countries.
- Fogarty International Research Collaboration Awards (FIRCA) support research collaborations in developing and transitional countries. Available in most countries, AIDS-FIRCA awards support research on AIDS and HIV-related infectious diseases.
- Health Environment and Economic Development Program (HEED) supports research and capacity building in developing countries on topics that combine the issues of health, environment, and economic development.
- International Bioethics Education and Career Development Awards support institutional grants to develop bioethics curricula on research in low- and middle-income nations.
- International Tobacco and Health Research and Capacity Building Program supports trans-disciplinary research on tobacco consumption in low- or middle-income nations.
- Stigma and Global Health Research Program supports interdisciplinary research on the etiology, prevention, or mitigation of stigma and related public health outcomes.

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